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CHRISTMAS ON THE BATTLE LINES

FOR ONE BRIEF HOUR THERE WAS PEACE AND QUIET

AN INFORMAL TRUCE, DURING WHICH THE RIFLES RESTED AND THE CANNONS' LIPS GREW COOL

Paris, Dec. 26.—Without a formal armistice being declared, the clash of arms and boom of artillery ceased for one hour Christmas day while hundreds of thousands of soldiers knelt in prayer.

ROAR OF BATTLE RESUMED

After this short truce, the mighty battle proceeded. Severe fighting is in progress today along the Moselle river, where the French are trying to reach Metz and cut German communication.

GERMANS DRIVING TOWARD AMIENS

South of Arras the Germans are making a terrific drive toward the important railroad center of Amiens.

PROGRESS MADE BY FRENCH AT SEVERAL POINTS

The French have made important gains in the Lepetre forests.

Paris, Dec. 25, 3 p. m. (Official).—This afternoon the intermittent artillery duel continues in Belgium. The French made some advance from the Lys to the Oise river.

Northeast of Albert the allies captured a portion of the village of Labousselle. North of Roye they made some progress.

ALL GERMAN ATTACKS WERE REPULSED

Paris, Dec. 26.—The official statement this afternoon says: The repulse of German counter attacks by the allies was the chief feature today. The Germans, replying to the allies' offensive, have made attacks along the entire front, but were repulsed.

BUMPED EACH OTHER WITH BENZINE BUGGIES

New York, Dec. 26.—Jay Gould and Ralph Pulitzer, editor of the World, collided in their automobiles in Brooklyn yesterday. Both were severely bruised.

WHO SUPPOSED HE HAD?

Washington, Dec. 26.—Secretary of State Bryan today denied the report that he had any intention of resigning.

You will never fully appreciate a gin fizz till you have tried one of those at Johnny's Place. 22-tf

Feel like trying a Scotch highball (any other kind if you do not like the Scotch) then try one at Johnny's Place. 22-tf

ITALIAN OCCUPATION OF PORT OF AVLONA

WILL CERTAINLY LINE THAT POWER UP WITH THE ALLIES IN THE WAR

London, Dec. 26.—It is the belief in diplomatic circles that the Italian occupation of the Albanian port of Avlona will finally result in the alignment of Italy with the allies in the war. It seems certain that Turkey will protest. If such protest is pressed it can have but one result and that will be war.

AUSTRIAN SHIP HIT A MINE

Rome, Dec. 26.—An Austrian battleship struck a mine in the Adriatic Friday and was badly damaged. The ship was towed into port.

CRITICAL ILLNESS OF A PROMINENT CHURCHMAN

New Orleans, Dec. 26.—Archbishop James Slenk suffered a relapse today and is in a critical condition.

SAILED INTO THE NORTH SEA

COPENHAGEN REPORTS A GERMAN SQUADRON LOOKING FOR TROUBLE

Copenhagen, Dec. 26.—A German squadron of considerable size is reported to have sailed into the North Sea today toward England, to give battle to the British fleet.

On Saturday and Monday, 18 pounds of sugar for \$1, with one dollar's worth of other groceries, for cash. Smith Grocery Co. Phone 434. tf

A PROPOSITION

The Florida Power Company proposes to sell the city of Ocala Electric Current at Dunnellon at 1 1-2 cents per K. W. H. The City to construct a line from Ocala to Dunnellon.

—OR—

The Power Company will sell the city current delivered to the switchboard of the city plant at 2300 volts, at 2 cents per K. W. H.

The City to enter into a ten year contract with the Power Co. It being distinctly understood and agreed upon, however, that the city is to have the privilege of terminating the contract at the end of two years by giving the Power Company thirty days notice.

As evidence of its faith in the above proposition the Power Company suggests that the Light and Water Committee of the City Council, and a committee of three appointed by the President of the Board of Trade, acting jointly, select a competent consulting engineer to pass on the merit of the proposition. Should the engineer advise the city to reject both propositions, the Power Company agrees to pay for the examination and report of the engineer.

AUSTRIA WILL NOT DESERT HER ALLY

INTENDS TO FIGHT IT OUT TO THE BITTER END

GERMAN ARMIES OVERCOMING DESPERATE RESISTANCE OF RUSSIANS AND STEADILY PROGRESSING TOWARD WARSAW

Vienna, Dec. 26 (Official).—The Russians have been reinforced by fresh troops for the campaign against Cracow. The Austrians are being attacked along the entire battle front in Galicia, but the attacks are being repulsed. The fighting progresses day and night.

AUSTRIA WILL FIGHT IT OUT

Vienna, Dec. 26.—Premier Berchtold, the foreign minister, today declared: "Austria is not seeking peace and sees no reason to seek peace. The Germanic nations are pledged to act together. The reports that Austria intends to desert her ally are base lies."

OVERCOMING RUSSIAN RESISTANCE IN POLAND

Berlin, Dec. 26.—Though admitting that the Russians are offering desperate resistance in Poland, Berlin military experts today declared that the Germans are making steady progress and have reached Luboca, 43 miles from the Pilica river, toward the Vistula.

While no overwhelming victory is claimed, the Germans are threatening Warsaw and anticipate its fall shortly.

GAVE ISLANDS FOR GUNS

RUSSIANS SMASHED TURKISH ADVANCE AND DROVE BACK THE GERMANS

Washington, Dec. 26.—Russia has ceded to Japan its half of the Island of Sakhalin for heavy guns, according to the Japanese embassy today.

TROUNCED THE TURKS

Petrograd, Dec. 26.—Turks attempting to advance in the Doutaks district were repulsed by the Russians, who came smashing through a blizzard. Aeroplane scouting was impossible.

REPULSED GERMANS AT RAWA

On Christmas day the Russians drove the Germans out of Rawa on the Rawa river and back six miles to Jezow, taking 2300 prisoners and Rawa Heights, which is a great strategical point.

COLD WEATHER IS COMING

MERCURY WILL FALL MANY DEGREES BEFORE MORNING

Chicago, Dec. 26.—Severe cold prevails in the central and western states today. At White river, Canada, the mercury is forty-six below. At points in Wisconsin it is twenty-four below. At Chicago, four below. At Pittsburgh reports twenty-four to thirty below. Pennsylvania forecast indicates lower temperature tonight. A number of fatalities and great suffering is reported in many sections of the north and east.

SUFFERING IS GREAT IN THE BIG CITIES

New York, Dec. 26.—This is the coldest day of this winter. The mercury was four above this morning at seven o'clock. Charitable lodgings are jammed. The suffering in New York is without parallel.

In other cities the thermometer registers as follows: Utica, 28 below; Syracuse, 20 below; Winsted, Conn., 15 below; Saratoga, forty below; Boston, 20 below; Baltimore, 8 above.

WASHINGTON GIVES WARNING

Washington, Dec. 26.—Cold wave warnings have been ordered in the South Atlantic states today. Freezing weather is predicted to the Gulf of Mexico and into Florida tonight and Sunday.

POLAR WEATHER IN VERMONT

Montpelier, Dec. 26.—The temperature in Vermont today is 38 below zero.

COLD WAVE TOMORROW

Washington, Dec. 26.—Rain tonight and colder. Cold wave Saturday in the southeast.

AFTER NINE MONTHS' IDLENESS

Big Steel Works at Pittsburg will Resume Operations

Pittsburg, Dec. 26.—The steel mills at Benwood will resume operations January 1st. The mills have been closed for nine months.

Sewing baskets, best quality, just in at Gerig's. 17-tf

SUITS OR OVERCOATS FOR MEN WHO KNOW

It is our delight to measure a customer who knows what he wants and insists on getting it, as this is the time that the services of a real tailor is absolutely necessary in order to give satisfaction. I do know the Tailoring business; I am an expert tailor and cutter, and that is the very reason that I guarantee to make you an

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That any other house in the city will charge \$20 to \$30 for

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